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Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street
Washington, D.C. 20554
Re: Docket # 92-298

As an AM Broadcaster that has invested thousands of dollars in improving our facilities in the last five (5) years it appears to me that I certainly have a vested interest in the future of AM. We began our Broadcasting in 1962 with 100 watts on 1240 KC. Yes, 100 watts. The Sheriff had 250 watts, 150 more than we did. We are now 25,000 watts on 870.

We are a Kahn Stereo Station and have been since the 1980's. It has been our experience that our monaural signal has not experienced a single bit of degradation. Our experience with C-Quam has been all negative from a technical aspect. Shortly after our station went on the air on 870, I traveled south to the Twin Cities and as all Broadcasters might do, I listened to KPRM 870 as far south as I possibly could. I was surprised to find my signal compromised by a significant amount of sideband interference which upon investigation turned out to be splatter from WCCO at 830. I visited with the St. Paul Field Office and was advised at a latter date that modulation level was reduced to eliminate the problem inherent to C-Quam Stereo Systems.

The problem has somewhat improved however, since the introduction of C-Quam Stereo at WCCO their former night time signal has been greatly compromised. I take great exception to the comments of Motorola and the so called Market place decision. Broadcasters are not the market place! The AM listening audience is! It is truly noted that Motorola is afraid of what the public might choose. Motorola and Delco took significant steps to limit radio availability that would have automatically selected any of the formats. Motorola has not achieved market place by the Free Enterprise System they have bought it and the market place they bought is comprised of Broadcasters not the Public.

Might I suggest the FCC get itself out of the picture completely by relegating the testing to the Independent National Bureau of Standards. It is very evident to those of us in this industry that are technically capable and have 40+ years of actual AM Broadcast engineering experience that the FCC is unable to make any decisions that are not politically driven. It is an impossibility to make a wise

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decision with recent College Graduate Engineers or long time FCC Career type engineers that have probably never been inside an AM Radio Station. A win-win situation might be mandating a multiple format radio and then the public will decide for themselves. Hearing tells the story and C-Quam would join the antique Spark Gap transmitter in the Radio Museums where it truly belongs.

In conclusion, if this Broadcaster is forced to make a choice between C-Quam Stereo or no Stereo you can be assured nobody will ever have to worry about their AM Stereo light coming on in our signal area. I will not compromise my listeners by giving them anything but the best. Either Kahn I.S.B. Stereo or an excellent Mono signal. Phased Stereo on AM Radio is a disaster only surpassed by the FCC's marvelous 80-90 Docket.

I plead with the Commission, don't drive another nail in the AM coffin.

Sincerely,



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